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Subject: Update on the Sulfolane Assessment at USEPA

Hi everyone:

First, I apologize for not being available for the conference call Feb 4. It would have been great to meet all of you. In any case, I'm the toxicologist at USEPA working on the Sulfolane assessment. It will be a pleasure working with all of you to assist the people of Alaska.

I'm currently working on the Sulfolane assessment document. The first draft is completed, and we are in the process of having the Huntingdon Life Sciences (2001) study peer-reviewed. That will add to the strength of our assessment document. That should be good news to all of you. The peer-review process will take a couple weeks once I get it through our contracting office, but I'd estimate we'd have it back in March from the peer-reviewers. I'll then have the document reviewed by our internal peer-review panel. I have the internal peer-review scheduled for March 23rd. After I incorporate the comments from that panel, it will be ready for external review. At that time I could share the draft document (with a lot of disclaimers) with all of you.

Hopefully, that's good news to all of you...a draft document this Spring.

Bye for now

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